

## What assistance will DHEC provide?

Aside from the testing services, DHEC will also provide onsite assistance if requested. DHEC personnel will inspect your well and distribution



system and make recommendations concerning its construction, operation and maintenance. DHEC staff will

point out any areas of concern that may increase the chances of your well becoming contaminated.

This consultation is provided free of charge.

## Who should I contact if I have questions?

For more information, you may contact your local DHEC Environmental Quality Control (EQC) Regional Office.

## DHEC EQC Regional Offices

EQC Regional Offices Website  
[www.scdhec.gov/regions](http://www.scdhec.gov/regions)

### Upstate EQC Anderson

220 McGee Rd  
Anderson, SC 29621  
(864) 260-5585 (office)  
(864) 222-3923 (fax)

### Upstate EQC Greenwood

1736 S. Main St  
Greenwood, SC 29646  
(864) 227-5915 (office)  
(864) 942-3680 (fax)

### Upstate EQC Greenville

200 University Ridge  
Greenville, SC 29601  
(864) 372-3273 (office)  
(864) 282-4371 (fax)

### Upstate EQC Spartanburg

151 E. Wood St  
Spartanburg, SC 29303  
(864) 596-3327 (office)  
(864) 596-3920 (fax)

### Midlands EQC Columbia

State Park Health Center  
8500 Farrow Rd Bldg. 12  
Columbia, SC 29203  
(803) 896-0620 (office)  
(803) 896-0617 (fax)

### Midlands EQC Lancaster

2475 DHEC Rd  
Lancaster, SC 29720  
(803) 285-7461 (office)  
(803) 285-5594 (fax)

### Midlands EQC Aiken

206 Beaufort St, NE  
Aiken, SC 29801  
(803) 642-1637 (office)  
(803) 643-4027 (fax)

### Pee Dee EQC Florence

145 E. Cheves St  
Florence, SC 29506  
(843) 661-4825 (office)  
(843) 661-4858 (fax)

### Pee Dee EQC Sumter

105 N. Magnolia St  
Sumter, SC 29150  
(803) 778-6548 (office)  
(803) 934-2938 (fax)

### Pee Dee EQC Myrtle Beach

927 Shine Ave  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577  
(843) 238-4378 (office)  
(843) 238-4518 (fax)

### Lowcountry EQC Orangeburg

1550 Carolina Ave  
Orangeburg, SC 29115  
(803) 533-5490 (office)  
(803) 268-5784 (fax)

### Lowcountry EQC Charleston McMillan

1362 McMillan Ave, Ste 300  
Charleston, SC 29405  
(843) 953-0150 (office)  
(843) 953-0151 (fax)

### Lowcountry EQC Beaufort

104 Parker Dr  
Beaufort, SC 29906  
(843) 846-1030 (Office)  
(843) 846-0604 (fax)

# Public Water Systems



South Carolina Department of Health  
and Environmental Control

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## What is a Public Water System?

In South Carolina, any water system which provides water for public



consumption is considered a public water system with the exception of a water system that serves a single family residence or

dwelling. Public consumption includes but is not limited to use of water for drinking, bathing or sanitary purposes.

## What are my responsibilities as the owner of a Public Water System?

You must provide water that is free from chemical or microbiological contaminants. Your water system must be constructed, operated and maintained to prevent the water from

becoming contaminated. In short, it is your responsibility to make sure that the water you serve to the public is safe for human consumption.

## How can I make sure that my water is safe for human consumption?

Most ground water sources in South Carolina are naturally free from harmful contaminants. Therefore, it is important to make sure that there are no man-made sources of contamination near the wellhead. Typical sources of contamination include gasoline, fertilizers and other chemicals often stored in well houses. These types of contaminants should be removed from the well house and stored at another location.

There is also the possibility of microbiological contamination of a well source. This can come from the presence of domestic or wild animals in the area

around the wellhead. Where this may be a concern, well construction and the integrity of the sanitary seal and the concrete pad around the well is of utmost importance. A properly constructed and maintained well will minimize the potential for surface contamination of a well supply.

## Can I have my water tested?

Yes. You can have your water tested for any number of contaminants. DHEC will test your water for bacteria for a small fee.

Commercial laboratories can test for many other contaminants in drinking water. If you are concerned that your well may be contaminated you should have it tested immediately.

